

February 21, 2017

Cheryl and Joseph Elmore
42 Kingswood Rd
West Hartford, CT 06119

To Senator Catherine Osten, Senator Paul Formica and Representative Toni Walker:

I am writing to express our utmost satisfaction with our magnet school experience.

We were very fortunate to be offered the opportunity to join the University of Hartford Magnet School starting with Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 with our daughter and son. From the beginning we were so impressed with the dedication and warmth of the teachers and staff. During the magnet experience, our children have developed strong bonds with friends and teachers in a "safe, responsible, learning community". Our family found this magnet school to be so welcoming and dedicated to forming a strong school community. We have been grateful to the teachers/staff who have carved out time to strengthen the school community with classroom (earning spirit points, earning pizza parties) and special events (BINGO night, take-apart night, Carnival night).

We are enjoying our last year at UHMS with our daughter in 5th grade and looking forward to continuing our magnet school experience at Two Rivers Magnet Middle School.

Our son is enjoying his 1st year (6th grade) at Two Rivers Magnet Middle School. Thanks to the River Otter's organization and structure, his middle school transition has been seamless and thrilling. His excitement talking about the opportunities of hands on learning (studying eco-systems within walking distance of the school, bird banding), the field trips (more learning of ecosystems in another environment at Mystic Aquarium), in school clubs (chess club) and after school clubs (snowboard/ski club) in his areas of interest has been a joy to hear. All thanks to the dedication and attentiveness from the teachers/staff to ensure students get an exceptional education and experience through unique programs (UConn pre-engineering program) and relationships.

We are here to support the magnet schools as it is an incredibly unique opportunity for children to experience a high value education.

We have recommended family members, neighbors and friends to also enjoy the progressive and unique opportunity the magnet schools have to offer.

Please keep funding and growing magnet schools in our community!!

Thank you!

Cheryl & Joseph Elmore